

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2453 - HB 2655

February 12, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends indefinitely the period for reimbursement for healthcare services provided by a telehealth encounter past April 1, 2022. Tolls the 16-month period that a provider can offer telemedicine services to their patient without having an in-person encounter for the duration of a state of emergency declared by the governor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Without the proposed legislation, after April 1, 2022, medical carriers would have the ability to consider a lesser payment for telehealth. However, the established current practice of the Benefits Administration medical carriers is to pay at parity. Therefore, the legislation will have no impact to Benefits Administration.
- For the Division of TennCare's Managed Care Organizations, it is assumed any impacts from a decrease in in-person visits will be offset with impacts from virtual visits as a result of the policies implemented from the proposed legislation during state of emergencies, leading to a not significant net impact.
- The proposed legislation will not impact any programs or policies of the Department of Commerce and Insurance; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The provisions of the proposed legislation will not result in any significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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